

LOOKS AFTER FOOD, GUARDS THE HEALTH

Duties of Dr. William C. Braisted, Surgeon General of U. S. Navy.

ASSISTANTS IN CHARGE
OF SAILOR AND MARINE

Popular Official Who Directs Sanitary System for Their Benefit in Mexican Waters.



SURGEON GENERAL BRAISTED, U. S. N.

Somewhere in the closets of the State Department are two handsomely jeweled decorations. The Mikado of Japan gave one of them to Dr. William C. Braisted, now the surgeon general of the United States Navy. The President of Venezuela gave him the other.

"What do they look like?" asked a caller.

"I've never seen them," said Dr. Braisted. "Some day when I'm not too busy I'll run over there and take a look."

This isn't a mock modesty on Dr. Braisted's part. He doesn't care. And it is not that he does not thoroughly appreciate the honors of which he was the recipient. It is merely that he looks upon such things as by-products of the work on which he is engaged, and therefore entitled only to his spare time. And he has no spare time. If they were a row of bacilli, now, or an improved variety of gunshot wound, Braisted would be sitting on the doorstep of the State Department tomorrow morning waiting for the janitor to open up.

Looks After Health and Food.

Braisted is the man who, above all others, is charged with the preservation of the health of the American sailor and marine during the present trouble with Mexico. His subordinate surgeons are not to content themselves with the mere dressing of wounds and putting ice packs on fevered foreheads. It may be that a protest against feeding sailors "embalmed beef" would not make the protesting surgeon popular in other departments. Just the same, the surgeon must see to it that the food of the men is the best that can be had—considered for its health-building qualities—and that the water is clean, and that their habits are what they ought to be.

Failure in any one of a dozen duties not specifically outlined in the surgeon's orders might bring down upon the men one of the diseases that especially flourish under a tropic sun. Because of these things Braisted and his men are working nights and Sundays now, but his office door stands wide open. Any one who will may walk in.

"In the old days," said an attaché of the department, "a caller was forced to wait for hours, sometimes, before he could see a surgeon general."

Might Have Had to "Wait."

Maybe Braisted was one of those who waited. At any rate, no sooner had Secretary Daniels of the Navy Department named him to his present position than he threw that office door open and spiked it back. There is a continual stream of official callers passing through it now. Braisted stands at his desk half the time. That makes for speed in action. If private life seems necessary in consultation, Dr. Braisted and the consultant go into one of the corners of the office and talk it out. Persons who specialize in departmental gossip, the latest funny story and bad news are not welcomed.

Braisted was born in Toledo, Ohio, fifty years ago, but he does not look more than forty. One at first suspects

that he is only thirty-five, and that his hair has turned prematurely gray. He has a habit of leaning a forefinger on the tip of his nose and looking at one in kindly fashion over his eyeglasses. His voice is soft, his manner deprecating, but there is no lack of firmness. He does not talk of himself. He had adventures enough during the Russo-Japanese war. It was for his report upon the Japanese hospital service that the Mikado decorated him—but one could not squeeze the story out of him under a letter-press. He would like to oblige the questioner, he says. One feels that he really would like to oblige, too. But he doesn't think the public is interested in that sort of thing.

Story Gleaned From Others.

So it is from other people that one learns the story of this self-effacing, smoothly executive, soft-spoken guardian of the naval health.

At the battle of Puerto Cabello his services in caring for the Venezuelan wounded earned him the Order of Bolivar. He has been present of the Association of Military Surgeons an honor granted only to eminence. To the lay reader, Braisted's character is made clear by his report on the hospital conditions in the Russo-Japanese war. He obviously sought the truth only. Then he was candid in telling it.

"The Japanese hospital service was very good indeed," one might summarize his conclusions. "When the character of the Japanese soldier, the conditions under which he is accustomed to live, and the exigencies of war time are considered, we may profit by the lessons taught by that war. But it was not an extraordinarily efficient service as compared with other modern military services. The percentage of loss by sickness was low because the Japanese obey his orders. When he would not to drink bad beer, he would go before he would disobey. Told not to eat bad food, he would first starve."

Few Men So Popular.

If one may judge from the expressions heard, there are few men in the navy as well loved as Surgeon General Braisted. Officer after officer said of him that he is a "magnificent character." At Secretary Daniels' office it was said that he is a "true Christian gentleman." But it is only a truthful way of saying that his popularity has been impaired to some extent by the order abolishing the "wine messes," and which was issued by Daniels upon Braisted's report, in answer to a query from the Secretary, that:

"The physical efficiency of the men would not be impaired by forbidding them liquor."

It is also only truthful to say that Braisted isn't the sort of a man who would worry about it.

BILL PROVIDES CHANGES.

Representative Oldfield Proposes Increase in Patent Office Force.

A big increase in the force at the patent office, together with liberal advances in salaries is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Oldfield, chairman of the patent committee of the House. The bill provides for changes as follows:

Commissioner of patents, \$4,000 to \$5,000; first assistant commissioner, \$4,500; assistant commissioner, \$3,000; two additional examiners in chief, \$2,500; chief clerk, \$2,000; five additional law examiners, \$2,750; two additional examiners in charge of interferences, nineteen additional principal examiners, sixty-two additional first assistant examiners, \$1,300 to \$2,400; sixty-two additional second assistant examiners, increasing the pay from \$1,500 to \$2,100; sixty-two additional third assistant examiners, with increase \$1,400 to \$1,800; eighteen fourth assistant examiners at \$1,500.

Convention Plans Discussed.

Plans for the convention of the American section of the Theosophical Society were discussed at a joint meeting of the local lodges held last evening at their headquarters, 1216 H street northwest. The convention is to be held at the Raleigh Hotel during the last week in August.

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ROOSEVELT RAPS THE PRESIDENT'S REPEAL PROGRAM

Also Attacks Proposal to Pay Colombia \$25,000,000.
Due Home May 20.

PARA, Brazil, May 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who sails today for Para, Brazil, on the steamer Alden, wired his cousin, W. E. L. Roosevelt, that he would be home about May 20. His message read:

"Feeling better, home 19-20."

Col. Roosevelt lost fifty-five pounds in weight on his exploring trip through the wilds of Brazil. He still is very weak, but his condition is better and he is recovering from an abscess on his leg from which he suffered after bruising himself in the rapids of the River Duvida.

It is the colonel's intention to lecture before the Royal Geographical Society in London when it is held, he will continue to give the accuracy of some of the affirmations of Henry Savage Landor, the British explorer, in regard to the interior of Brazil, traversed by Mr. Landor in 1910-12.

TEN OF RESERVE BANKS SUBSCRIBE FULL STOCK

Organization Certificate for Fifth District, Provided For by Law, to Be Executed Soon.

The minimum of \$100,000 of stock for each federal reserve bank has been subscribed for ten of the twelve banks of the system, according to a dispatch received by the organization committee.

Of the 7,501 banks in the system 5,797 have forwarded to the Treasury Department their stock subscriptions. The total amount of stock subscribed to date is \$55,151,200.

Not later than Saturday the organization committee will designate five banks in the fifth reserve bank district, with Richmond as the reserve center and including Washington and Baltimore, to execute the organization certificate provided for by law, so that it can be promptly filed with the controller of the currency.

To Expedite Organization.

In a statement issued yesterday the organization committee issued instructions for the expedition of organization of reserve banks, with particular reference to the method of election of so-called class A and class B directors.

The committee's statement added:

"The organization of the federal reserve banks in those districts whose member banks act promptly will not be held back and delayed to keep pace with the organization of banks in other districts whose member banks are slow in taking action and in making their returns to the organization committee."

Downman Heads Lumber Men.

CHICAGO, May 7.—R. H. Downman of New Orleans was elected president of the Lumber Manufacturers' Association last night at the closing session of the 1914 convention held here in connection with the forest products exhibition at the Coliseum. William E. Delaney of Cincinnati was elected first vice president; J. A. Freeman of Pasadena, Cal., treasurer; and J. E. Rhodes of Chicago, secretary. San Francisco was selected as the 1915 meeting place.



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United States and Great Britain Tribunal Adjourns to Meet in Paris in July.

The United States and Great Britain claims arbitration tribunal which has been in service in this city for several months adjourned yesterday afternoon to meet in Paris in July and again in Washington in January next.

In the matter of the claim of the Gloucester fishing schooner Frederick Gearing, Jr., for damages sustained at the hands of the Canadian authorities through her seizure, the tribunal confirmed a private settlement that had been made on the basis of the payment of \$8,000 to the owners of the vessel.

An award of \$827 was made to the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company of Canada for damages to its cable in Quebec harbor by the anchor of the U. S. S. Essex.

Lord Nelson Case Settled.

For the illegal seizure of the British ship Lord Nelson, captured by the United States Navy, June 5, 1812, nearly two weeks before the declaration of war between the United States and Great Britain, the tribunal assessed \$5,000 damages against the United States, with ninety-three years' interest.

Because its lighters in a rough sea in Manila bay damaged the British collier Easty in 1901, a judgment was rendered against the United States government for \$249 with interest at 4 per cent.

In the case of the Canadian government's steamship Canadienne, which was in collision with the U. S. S. Yantic in the St. Lawrence river in 1882, the tribunal found that both vessels were to blame, but in a different proportion, and assessed a damage of \$1,000 against the United States.

In the case of Elizabeth Cadenhead, who was killed accidentally by an American sentry shooting at an escaping prisoner near Fort Brady, Mich., the commission, while absolving the United States government from pecuniary liability, expressed the desire that it would favorably consider the payment of some compensation to the girl's family as an act of grace.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BEATEN.

House of Lords Rejects Bill by a Vote of 104 to 60.

LONDON, May 7.—The woman's suffrage bill was rejected last night by the house of lords by a vote of 104 to 60. Among those who voted for the bill were Viscount Morley of Blackburn, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the bishops of London, Hereford, Bangor and St. Asaph. Those who voted against the bill included the Marquis of Lansdowne, Viscount Escher, the Marquis of Salisbury and the Earl of Hereford.

Ground has been broken for the erection of the State Normal School grounds, Harrisonburg, Va., of a new students' building, which will cost \$50,000.

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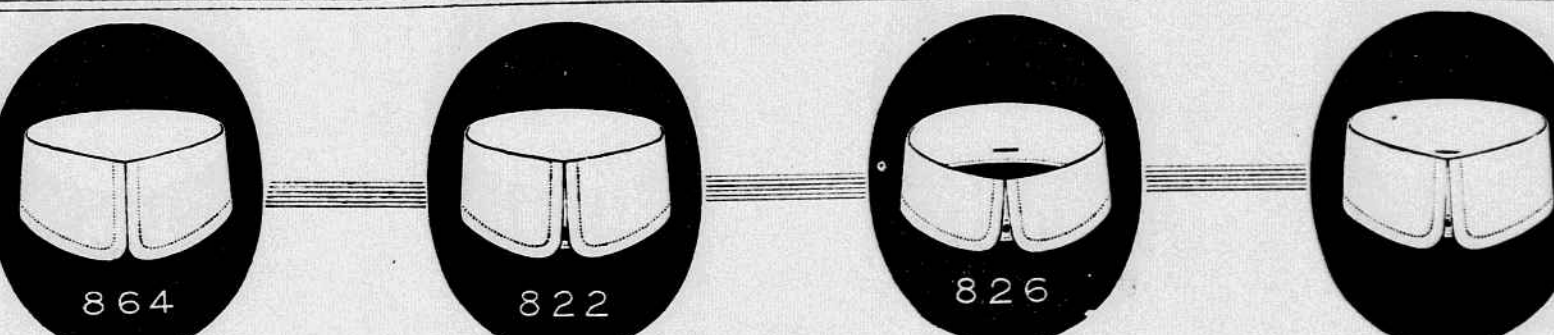
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